IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PAULISTA et al.

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COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING AND/OR BONE-

INDUCING ACTIVITY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

August 7, 2002

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing an Appeal Brief, for three (3) months from May 7, 2002 to August 7, 2002.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$920.00) to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this paper, please charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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